

more full account of the occurrence, identification and rearing in captivity of *P. manuelaria* is planned for publication in the *Record* later this year.

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A sighting of the Monarch butterfly, *Danaus plexippus* L. in West Sussex

On Sunday 11th September 1994, at 1225 I received a call from a friend in Keymer, West Sussex who was sure he had sighted a Monarch butterfly in his garden. Although chances of my seeing this butterfly were minimal, I immediately drove to Keymer with my camera, despite the previously sunny weather turning cooler and cloudier. Fortune does occasionally shine upon the entomologist, and the butterfly was still there, resting on Hemp Agrimony, not feeding as all the flowers had failed.

After a single photograph the insect took flight, but returned a few moments later settling high up in a bush. One more circuit of the garden and a brief rest, and this magnificent butterfly rose high into the sky and flew away over the rooftops.– D. DEY, 26 Manor Avenue, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8NG.

The Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus* L.) in Somerset

After reading Paul Sokoloff's note with regard to a Monarch *Danaus plexippus* in Kent on 25th July 1994 (*Entomologists Record* **106**: 248), I am prompted to report the following.

On the 2nd September 1994, my wife and son saw and successfully photographed a fine specimen feeding on Red Valerian *Centranthus ruber*, in our garden at Berrow, Somerset (VC6). On 21st September B.J. Hill telephoned me to report a Monarch at Lilstock, Somerset (VC5) while he awaited the reappearance of a rare Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polglotta*. This species is of southern origin and perhaps an indicator of the butterflies origin.– BRIAN E. SLADE, 40 Church House Road, Berrow, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 2NQ.

A record of *Luperina dumerilii* Dup. (Lep.: Noctuidae) from Cornwall

I belatedly put on record the capture of a male *Luperina dumerilii* Duponchel (Dumeril's Rustic) from the Lizard Point, Cornwall on 7th September 1983. For the statistically minded it is the second record for Cornwall and chronologically is the 27th of a total 28 published records for the British Isles.

It is a unicolorous form and lacks the pale stigmata and subterminal shading depicted in most illustrations. Because of this it had been misidentified as an aberrant *L. testacea* D.&S. (Flounced Rustic).

My diary records much migrant activity on this occasion and the species listed include *Agrius convolvuli* L. (Convolvulous Hawkmoth), *Mythimna loreyi* Dup. (The Cosmopolitan), *M. vitellina* Hb. (The Delicate) and *Rhodometra sacraria* L. (the Vestal). The expertise of Barry Goater and Martin Honey is gratefully acknowledged.– BERNARD SKINNER, 5 Rawlins Close, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 8JS.